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LIBERAL CABINET

Key file goes to McKenna



Ottawa's voice at the cabinet table is a new member of Parliament who achieved an upset election win by running a relentless campaign.

Ottawa Centre MP Catherine McKenna was named minister of environment and climate change in Justin Trudeau's new cabinet Wednesday. It's a high-profile portfolio for the first-time Liberal MP, who defeated NDP stalwart Paul Dewar on Oct. 19.

"I'm really looking forward to getting down to work," McKenna said. "This is the reason I got into politics, to make a difference."

McKenna, an international trade lawyer who has run a non-profit and advised the United Nations peacekeeping mission in East Timor, is one of several rookie MPs given major portfolios in Trudeau's 31-member cabinet. Her international experience will immediately come in handy; Trudeau and the premiers are attending the UN climate change conference in Paris, which starts Nov. 30.

Canada's leader

Trudeau makes pledge to the people on historic day



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his family lead the new Liberal cabinet to Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Financial accountability officer Stephen LeClair is warning of a “significant risk” that Ontario will not balance the books by 2017-18 as promised. RICHARD J. BRENNAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Watchdog sounds budget alarm

QUEEN'S PARK

FAO says Ontario isn't on track to meet deficit goal

Ontario's budget watchdog warns there is a “significant risk” the Liberals will not be able to erase the red ink from the province's books by 2017-18 as promised.

Financial accountability officer Stephen LeClair said Wednesday that there's been a slowdown in the economy since the 2015 provincial budget projected growth of 4.3 per cent in each of the next three years.

LeClair said growth will be just three per cent at best, which he warned will make it hard for the Liberals to stick to their “aggressive” budget plan to cap spending increases at 0.5 per cent annually. He said they could hit that target this

year, but are unlikely to sustain such low spending growth in the next two years.

“Spending restraints get more difficult in each subsequent year as there are less and less opportunities for efficiencies,” said LeClair. “If the government does not meet its spending targets but spending grows at the same (1.4 per cent) rate as in the past four years...then there would be a \$3.5 billion deficit in 2017-18.”

LeClair also said a balanced budget by 2017-18 wasn't “out of reach” if the government spends less than planned, if nominal GDP comes in at what the private sector forecast is and if revenue grows in line with nominal GDP, which it hasn't done in Ontario in four years.

“So consider what I said: if, if, if,” LeClair cautioned. “There's a lot of ifs there, and that is why we indicate that there is a downside risk to the government's forecast.”

Finance Minister Charles

Sousa pounced on LeClair's finding that the Liberals were able to limit spending growth and lower the deficit this year.

“The FAO said very clearly in his report that it is highly expected that the government will exceed again its deficit targets this year,” he said. “We are on track to balance the budget by 2017-18.”

The opposition parties accused Sousa of ignoring reality.

“The notion that they can see sunshine in everything just shows how out of touch they are,” said Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown. “All of their projections are off.”

Like the Tories, the New Democrats predicted the Liberals would have to slash programs and services to eliminate the \$10.3-billion deficit on schedule.

“It's very clear that without deep, deep cuts we're not going to get to balance by 2017-18, and the government needs to come clean as to what they're going to cut if they're going to achieve that goal,” said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

LeClair predicted slower economic growth will lead to a drop in revenue of up to \$1 billion from the budget forecast for the current fiscal year.

He couldn't say if

the Liberal's plan to sell 60 per cent of Hydro One — the first batch of shares go on sale Thursday — would help eliminate the deficit on time.

“We haven't factored the Hydro One sale into this analysis because we don't know the degree to which it's already in the government's plans,” said LeClair.

“Will it improve or not improve their ability to meet



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Stephen LeClair

the deficit targets? It all depends on how they roll it out.” Just last week, the new financial accountability officer warned the Liberals' plans to sell Hydro One would have a serious negative impact on Ontario's finances after an initial short-term gain.

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Premier Kathleen Wynne

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FRENCH PROGRAM

Letter asks OCDSB to re-consider changes



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Ontario is calling on the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board to re-consider making changes to the district's French immersion program.

The organization released an open letter, signed by president Mary Cruden, recommending that the OCDSB stay the course with their current intensive French program.

The board has been seeking feedback on several proposed changes that include introducing 60 minutes of English in Grade 1 and switching math classes over to English in French immersion schools.

Parents are concerned that 120 minutes of classroom time

spent in English is a large portion of the day, but the board says the new measures would make the system more accessible and help to identify students who are struggling.

CPF spokesperson Betty Gormley said there is a lot of research that shows reducing French intensity, especially in early years, is a mistake. "It erodes the current early immersion program," she said. "Research over the years has established that immersion programs with the best results in French proficiency have three elements: intensity, time spent in French and an early start."

The changes proposed would come into effect in the 2016-2017 school year if approved by trustees at a board meeting Nov. 17.

Local parents opposing the changes and CPF plan to send delegates to the meeting to argue against the changes.

POLICE

Four teens arrested in school bomb threats



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Quebec provincial police arrested four teens Wednesday in relation to bomb threats that closed schools in the City of Ottawa and the Outaouais last week.

Police said they arrested three boys and one girl between the ages of 16 and 17 who live in Wakefield, Chelsea, and Ange-Gardien areas. They were scheduled to appear in a Gatineau courtroom Wednesday to face charges of mischief.

Schools were targeted by threats on Oct. 28 and 29.

The threats were similar in nature to threats targeting

schools in other parts of Quebec, but police said they have not been able to establish a link between the recent cases.

The police investigation is ongoing.

Sûreté du Québec said in a news release on Wednesday that making threats online or offline, regardless of the intent, is a criminal act that is taken seriously.

In Ottawa, four high schools in both the French and English boards were targeted last week: Louis Riel High School, Franco-Ouest High School, Gloucester High School, and Ridgemont High School.

Ottawa police did a full search of the schools, which were still full of students attending classes, but found no threat.



Heavy jersey barriers line Mackenzie Avenue along the length of the U.S. embassy. The city wants to replace them with bollards to create a segregated cycling track between Murray and Rideau streets. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Mackenzie project on track for 2016

BICYCLE LANES

Committee raised the issue of losing parking spots

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Cyclists are closer to a new segregated bike lane downtown now that the city's transportation committee has approved plans to create a two-lane track along Mackenzie Avenue.

Right now, heavy concrete barriers line the street in front of the U.S. embassy and down to Sussex Drive, a security feature that came on the heels of the 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Ottawa staff wants to replace those temporary barriers with bollards — a series of short, sturdy poles — to create a two-directional cycling track between Murray and Rideau streets instead.

If council approves the plan — and the U.S. embassy is on board — the work would likely coincide with the repaving of Mackenzie scheduled for

next year.

Rideau-Vanier Coun. Mathieu Fleury said he supports the project, which will link to new cycling facilities on St. Patrick Street to the north and the canal path to the south.

The city's accessibility advisory committee, however, raised concerns that 12 paid parking spots will be lost through the bike lane's construction, which decreases access for people with mobility issues. It also means the city will lose about \$20,000 in annual parking revenue.

The city, the National Capital Commission and the embassy will jointly fund the project. The

embassy and NCC will cover all costs associated with replacing the old barriers and improving security, while the city and NCC will partner on building the bike lane. That part of the project is expected to cost \$1.7 million. The city has \$825,000 set aside in the cycling portion of its strategic initiatives pot, and hopes to secure funding through the Ontario Cycling Infrastructure program, which could cover up to \$325,000.

A staff report said talks with the embassy "are proceeding well."

Council will vote on the new two-lane project next Thursday.

GHOST BIKES

Memorials to face six-month countdown

Tina Belanger's voice shook as she remembered her friend Meg Dussault at transportation committee Wednesday.

A ghost bike now stands where she was killed at Bank and Riverside in 2013, but it may only last until next summer if council approves a policy to take roadside memorials down six months after receiving a complaint.

The six-month window is a compromise from original staff recommendations to act after only 90 days. Right now the city's bylaws don't allow memorials at all, but staff leave them alone unless they pose an immediate

hazard. Capital Coun. David Churnushenko said he hoped the new policy would strike a balance between compassion and public access.

"Grieving, at a certain point, needs to move off a public sidewalk," he said.

But some feel targeting memorials — ghost bikes in particular — misses the point.

"They teach the general public awareness, whether it be a conscious effort to keep your eyes on

the road, not to drink and drive or to be mindful of traffic," Belanger said. She added that such installations can also flag safety issues.

But Churnushenko said the city investigates fatal collisions — and takes necessary actions — regardless of whether a memorial has been erected or not.

"It isn't always the case that an accident was a result of bad infrastructure," he said.

Somerset Coun. Catherine McKenney said the idea that memorials encroach too much on city space is also moot until council addresses its own accessibility issues.

"Those sandwich boards that are always up on Elgin never get taken down," McKenney said.

"We've got main streets across the city that impair mobility. We do need some sort of bylaw, we do need something to guide us, but I think we need to be honest about why that is the case."

Council will consider the policy next Thursday.

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Tech firm on the hunt for funding

KICKSTARTER

Beagle Sense hopes to crowdsource \$65,000



Haley Ritchie
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Most people are used to using a thermostat and keeping things comfortable. But being too hot or too cold is only one factor — you're probably not sleeping well if your house is too dry, too bright or too stuffy.

Tracking those factors is the purpose behind a new "smart home" that Ottawa start-up Beagle Sense Inc. is currently crowdfunding to get started.

The beagles — round, flat white discs that can be placed in rooms around the house — measure air quality, humidity, air pressure, noise and light.

The sensors report back to a smartphone or computer, compiling data for users.

"For instance the effect that light has on sleep is quite significant," said chief of customer experience Kathryn Baylis.

"It's really about all those little things that (you) either don't have time to think about or that don't occur to us. If we were just aware and could make small changes, that's what this is for."

The beagles are also useful for parents concerned about environmental health, people with second properties or individuals renting out on Airbnb.

Beagle Sense Inc. officially launched in May, but the team had been working on the idea well beforehand.

So far the Kickstarter campaign has raised close to \$27,000 with 240 backers and two more weeks left. The project will only be funded if it reaches the larger goal of \$65,000.

IN BRIEF

Ottawa home sales on the rise, says real estate board

The Ottawa Real Estate Board says home sales were up four per cent in October over the same period a year ago.

The board says 1,161 residential properties were sold in October through its Multiple Listing Service system, compared to 1,119 in October 2014.

"Our October numbers show we outpaced last year and the five year average," David Oikle, the Ottawa Real Estate Board's president, said in a statement.

"Buyer activity was expected to taper off leading up to the federal election but it didn't seem to affect our overall performance by very much." METRO

TECH

WiLAN announces restructuring, layoffs

Kanata-based tech company WiLAN announced Wednesday morning that the company would be "restructuring" to deal with a challenging market.

WiLAN, which specializes in managing patents and intellectual property, made the announcement alongside its third quarter financial results.

"While these have been very difficult decisions to make, I firmly believe we can prosper in an IP market

that is under pressure from a changing legal environment," said president and CEO Jim Skippen.

"WiLAN remains one of the strongest and most successful companies in the patent licensing sector," he said.

Skippen said he is postponing his retirement and the company will be cutting 30 per cent of its workforce by the end of the year. Dividends will be shrunk by 76 per cent.

The company currently em-

loys 44 people, according to CFO Shaun McEwan. Most staff work in Ottawa, but the company has a research and development team in San Diego.

Most of the disruption would affect San Diego employees, although many would become part of a new spin-off start-up.

"That isn't a layoff, per se, it's a spin off to a new entity with some funding so they can try and turn it into a products business," he said.

McEwan said around nine employees in Ottawa would be laid off.

McEwan said the difficulties WiLAN has faced aren't a reflection on Ottawa's tech market.

"It's definitely just our business and our field and the right timing for us relative to supporting future growth initiatives as opposed to supporting the old activities in the business," he said.

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Auditor general questions payouts

EDUCATION

Lysyk asks why province gave unions money during talks

Ontario's auditor general will examine millions of dollars in government payouts to teachers' unions to cover negotiating costs.

The Liberals supported a Progressive Conservative motion at committee that requested auditor general Bonnie Lysyk review the payments and report on where the money came from and what it was intended to fund.

"I'm quite confident that there is not a problem, but ... we'll certainly work with her to get the information she needs to do that review," said Education Minister Liz Sandals.

The Liberal government paid \$3.74 million to various teacher and support staff unions in the 2008, 2012 and the current

rounds of contract talks as the government transitioned to a new bargaining system.

Sandals originally said the payouts were made without receipts from the unions to show their costs, but Premier Kathleen Wynne later said the government would ask for receipts.

Even though the unions were not asked for invoices or receipts for the payments dating back seven years, Sandals said documentation does exist.

"I've said very clearly that there are accountability processes and verification processes and schedules of allowable expenses," she said.

But Sandals said she couldn't guarantee she would be able to hand over everything the auditor general seeks.

"The documentation we will certainly share, but I'm not making some blanket assumption that I can fulfil every wish of the auditor general when I don't know what it is she wishes," she said.

Progressive Conservative

Lisa MacLeod, who introduced the motion, says "it doesn't look good" that such large sums of money were promised to the unions undocumented.

"When you look at undocumented payouts to unions who run attack ads against the main Opposition party in the legislature, you have to wonder if that's an appropriate use of government funds," MacLeod said, referring to donations by some of the unions to a coalition that ran anti-Tory ads during the last election. "I think it's a misappropriation."

The Liberals paid \$2.5 million this year to the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association and the French teachers' union. In 2008 and 2012 a total of \$1.24 million was paid to OSSTF, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, which represents support workers, and the French teachers' union.

Lysyk is expected to present her report by the spring of 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Ontario auditor general Bonnie Lysyk will examine millions of dollars in government payouts to teachers' unions to cover negotiating costs. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Animal rights activist gets court date

PRELIMINARY HEARING

Woman charged after giving water to pigs

The preliminary hearing for a woman charged with mischief after providing water to pigs en route to a slaughterhouse

has been set for the end of November.

Animal rights activist Anita Krajnc says she was on a roadway median giving water to pigs on a hot day in June as trucks hauling the animals stopped at an intersection in Burlington, Ont.

One of the trucks' drivers took exception.

An argument ensued, which was captured on video, that

shows Krajnc providing water to some of the pigs via a water bottle she pushed through the slats of the truck's trailer as the driver demanded she stop.

The pigs' owner, Eric Van Hoekel, complained to police the next day and charges were formally laid against Krajnc in October.

She says she will continue her activism with the group she founded, Toronto Pig Save,

and plans to give water to pigs near the same slaughterhouse on Thursday, although these animals aren't likely to be dealing with any heat issues — the forecast calls for rain and a high of 19 C.

Van Hoekel says he will continue to use the law to its full extent if Krajnc tries once again to provide his pigs with a sip of water before they're slaughtered. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Animal rights activist Anita Krajnc visits a pig in a truck. HANDOUT-ELLI GARLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Better response to sex assault needed



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The Ottawa Police Service should look to outside agencies for training to challenge "damaging biases and stereotypes" among officers receiving sexual assault complaints, according to one of five recommendations from a University of Ottawa study.

Dr. Holly Johnson, associate professor in the Department of Criminology, authored the study in which 219 anonymous Ottawa women rated their experiences of reporting a sexual assault or partner assault to the Ottawa Police Service.

Most women rated their first impressions of the first officer they spoke to as positive. For partner assaults, 58 per cent reported they felt comfortable talking with the officer and 57 per cent said the officer was considerate of their feelings and opinions.

Most women never report an instance of domestic abuse out of fear of retaliation from their partners and other reasons, so the first point of contact with police is a crucial interaction. The majority of women in the study rated their experience with police as positive.

"At no point did I feel judged by them. I felt throughout the entire response that they believed me," wrote one anonym-

ous woman in the study.

But when it came to sexual assault cases, women rated their experiences much lower. Only 22 per cent reported they felt comfortable talking with the officer and 37 per cent said the officer was considerate.

A common theme in responses from women was that officers' reactions were based on "societal myths and biases."

One woman wrote: "I felt like I was a suspect being interviewed. I was told I would be charged if I was found to be lying."

Police Chief Charles Bordeleau and Staff Sgt. Jamie Dunlop with the Partner Assault Unit attended the launch Wednesday night of the Shine the Light campaign to end violence against women, where Johnson announced her findings.

Dunlop said Ottawa police will review the study's recommendations to see if officer training needs to be enhanced or completely overhauled.



Dr. Holly Johnson
JOE LOFARO/METRO

SPEED LIMITS

Drivers to slow down on stretch of Hunt Club Road

The speed limit on Hunt Club Road will be reduced from 80 to 60 km/h between Conroy Road and Cahill Drive in Greenboro. Gloucester-Southgate Coun. Diane Deans said residents feel the area is too fast and too packed for families to cross com-

fortably, and the recent Hwy. 417 connection has worsened the situation. A staff report showed 85 per cent of Hunt Club drivers go over 75 km/h even in 60-km/h zones, and that won't necessarily change with new signs.

Staff promised to ask police to enforce the change.

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Speed humps favoured

BLOSSOM PARK WEST

Residents also like road narrowings to reduce speeds

Three words — bump it up — sum up how some Blossom Park West residents want the city to tackle speeding, cut-through traffic and an increase

in vehicles on their residential streets.

Road narrowings, speed tables and humps were the most popular solutions unveiled during a public consultation meeting at the Greenboro Community Centre on Oct. 29.

“Bump up, narrowings — everything,” said Jenny Bowler, who lives on Blossom Park’s McMahon Avenue.

Though she doesn’t live within the study area of Queens-

dale, Kingsdale and Rosebella avenues, between Bank Street and Albion Road, Bowler and her husband have regularly walked those nearby streets for several years.

Their preferred option would see narrowings and seven-metre-wide speed tables, which are flat-topped speed humps, installed on all three streets to deter motorists who are just passing through the area, often at high rates of speed.

“They’re coming down our residential streets. They don’t live here,” Bowler said. “They just cut through to keep on moving instead of stopping and waiting.”

The area traffic management study of the neighbourhood found that speeding is a problem, with 85 per cent of vehicles travelling 60 km/h or below on Queensdale, which is a 40 km/h zone.

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The city is updating the Riverside South community design plan that will shape future development and help manage growth in the south Ottawa suburb. CONTRIBUTED

RIVERSIDE SOUTH

Main Street, square at heart of planning

Erin McCracken
Metroland Media

Donald Morse can already picture the Riverside South of the future, and it has its own downtown, complete with boutique shops, restaurants and a parkette town square.

“This is really interesting because it’s going to be surrounded by two-storey buildings (with) shops,” said Morse, an urban planner with the city’s planning and growth management department.

“They’re not going to be the national chains. They’re talking about Ontario-wide or local restaurants and boutiques and places like that.”

Area landowners are already on board with the plan, and excitement is mounting.

“It’s gold. When you get the city and landowners on one page, things happen,” Morse said.

The town square and community core are being fleshed out on paper as part of an update to the Riverside South community design plan.

The vision, if approved by council, would pave the way for not only new shops and services, but soccer fields, a community centre and new

schools, among other amenities, much of them accessible by foot or bike.

Residents of 12-storey towers living on the east-west rapid-bus transit line south of Earl Armstrong Road need only walk a block or two to the Main Street, just west of Limebank, for a coffee or a bite to eat.

The north-south route is at the heart of the design, which has evolved since it was originally done in 2005 and updated in 2010.

The plan, unveiled to residents at two public meetings over the past year, is a blueprint for the development of a mostly untouched swath of about 1,450 hectares around the intersection of Earl Armstrong and Limebank roads — most of it south of Earl Armstrong.

“It’s a huge greenfield area. Actually, if you look at this CDP compared to other CDPs, this is the largest CDP we have in the city by far,” said Morse, an urban designer with the city’s suburban services department. “It’s a plan for an ultimate build-out of about 60,000 people, so it’s a very important area.”

Riverside South is home to about 5,000 households or about 12,000 people.

MILITARY

Veterans honoured at remembrance ceremony

Canadian military veterans were honoured during annual remembrance ceremonies at the Billings Bridge Shopping Centre on Nov. 3. The highlights of the indoor event included a veterans’ parade, prayer, a commitment to remember

and two minutes of silence.

The event has been held at the shopping centre since at least 2006.

Veterans expressed disappointment this year that students from area schools were not able to come to the ceremony due to teachers’ work-to-rule action.

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Homeowners warned of roof scam

CRIME

Police seeking public help in hunt for rogue contractor



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Homeowners, beware.

There is a shady contractor going door-to-door and scamming people out of their money for roofing repairs that go unfinished, according to Ottawa police.

Police say that over the past couple of years, a man has been knocking on unsuspecting victims' doors and encouraging them to have their roofs repaired.

Clients gave a deposit for the jobs after discussing when the proposed restoration work would begin. When the repairs did not start as expected, police say, the man did not offer any explanation and ignored customers' calls.

Philip Slobodzian is now wanted by the Ottawa Police Service's fraud unit on two charges of fraud under \$5,000 and two further counts of pos-

session of proceeds of crime in relation to construction scams.

Police say the suspect also has prior convictions under the Consumer Protection Act for his "unethical business practices."

"He is subject to a probation order as a result of convictions that were registered under this statute," said Sgt. Guy Thivierge in a news release.

"The acts that form the bases of these complaints are similar in nature to his most recent offences."

Police are seeking the public's help in locating him.

Slobodzian is believed to be living in the Arnprior or Renfrew area.

He is described as a Caucasian man, 44 years old, six feet tall, approximately 200 pounds with brown hair.



Philip Slobodzian
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TRUDEAUMANIA

Crowds cram in for glimpse of history



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

They came to Rideau Hall in droves on Wednesday, some lining up as early as 6:30 a.m.

Some were Liberal supporters brandishing campaign signs. Others were high-school classes on field trips. Some were couples old enough to remember Pierre Trudeau's 1968 swearing-in ceremony.

All of them — an estimated 3,500 people — were there to witness Justin Trudeau become Canada's 23rd prime minister.

After the gates opened at 9 a.m., people streamed through a security checkpoint and walked to a rope line beside the long driveway.

Collingwood, Ont., resident Katrina Trautrim and her husband moved their visit to Ottawa a day early to attend.

"It's a moment in history," she said. "I'll remember it forever."

After the ceremony, shown on TV screens outdoors, patient onlookers watched Trudeau take questions from reporters, applauding his answers.

Then, as he did so often in the campaign, Trudeau headed straight for the throng.

The new prime minister spent more than 20 minutes shaking hands and taking photos with the crowd.

One of the selfie-takers was Hull resident Sidy Diallo, who said it was "inspiring" to meet the new prime minister on his first day. "It's a new dawn for Canada," he said.



A member of the public holds a Justin Trudeau poster before the swearing-in ceremony. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Police crunch numbers

The Ottawa Police Services Board is holding a special meeting on Nov. 12 to table the Ottawa police draft budget for 2016.

The budget will likely offer a glimpse at how the police force intends to cover the cost of hiring 25 more officers next year on a tight budget.

Growing the force will come at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million, according to figures from a police services board report. But the new officer commitment was based

on a 2.6 per cent tax increase when police drafted their budget earlier this year.

At last month's meeting, the police board approved the plan based on a 1.75 per cent tax increase, with an additional 1.3 per cent increase in growth from the assessment base.

Ottawa police are also facing a projected \$700,000 in overtime costs.

Police chief Charles Bordeleau told Metro that the service will find savings elsewhere to cover those overtime costs. JOE LOFARO/METRO

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Fiftymen play their final shows at the Black Sheep Inn this Friday and Saturday in Wakefield. COURTESY DAVID IRVINE PHOTOGRAPHY

Fiftymen say farewell after 16 great years

BACKSTAGE PASS

Demanding businesses, kids leave little time to play



Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

When the fabled Fiftymen strum their last note Saturday night, they'll be closing the books on a successful, wild and brotherly 16-year career.

They'll be wiping away buckets of tears as they say goodbye to Wakefield, the Black Sheep Inn and their many fans who have supported arguably the best alt country band Ottawa has ever seen.

They may be hardcore rockers, real tough dudes, but Saturday will be filled with emotion and the entire band is anticipating a sentimental sayonara. They'll also be saying goodbye to each other.

"We're like a gang," says lead singer J.J. Hardill, speaking to Metro after the band's last-ever rehearsal after 16 long years.

"We're like brothers. The ride has been tumultuous, as you can imagine, but at the end of the day, it's all great memories. (Tuesday) was our last practice

ever, which was heavy."

The band, featuring Hardill, Mark Michaud, Jake Bryce, Michael Houston Hanlan, Keith Snider, Todd Gibbon and honorary Fiftymen, producer Dave Draves, isn't breaking up for directional issues or infighting, but simply because they are aging musicians with different lives sprouting around them.

They live in different cities, own demanding businesses and have kids that won't stop growing up. Finding time to play was becoming increasingly difficult.

they have played many of their epic shows, the place that seemed to be built for bands like Fiftymen. The place they love.

"I think we've played some of our best shows at the Sheep," adds guitarist Michaud.

"Owner Paul (Symes) has been a huge help over the years. He was even kind enough to let us rehearse there in the early days and Wakefielders didn't seem to mind listening to us work out the kinks."

Wakefield didn't mind. How could they?

We're still blown away at every show that folks would have that much interest in what we are doing ... We started the band for kicks and to just have a good time and I think the audience gets that and feeds off of that.

Mark Michaud

Hardill says the split is more of an "amicable divorce," but admits that it's still hard to walk away from his "brothers" in the band.

"Sad for what you're giving up, but maybe a tad exciting for what the future might bring," he adds.

And it's extremely fitting that the band is drawing the curtain at the storied Black Sheep Inn — the place they got their start, the place

Fiftymen have always brought fans exactly what they've wanted. No over-the-top antics, no drama, no dick moves onstage — just pure passion flowing through music and lyrics we can all relate to: hurt, love, heartbreak, redemption and, of course, partying. They're stand-up dudes playing music that can stand up to any band of their ilk.

"The fans have been in-

credible over the years and we're still blown away at every show that folks would have that much interest in what we are doing," adds Michaud.

"We started the band for kicks and to just have a good time and I think the audience gets that and feeds off of that."

If you've ever been to a Fiftymen show, you know the vibe. It takes about seven minutes or less for the room to break out in an all-out dusty dance party filled with hooks and hangs that can move even the most sheepish of Sheepgoers.

But both shows this weekend will be extra special, especially Saturday. There will be hugs, laughs, tears and an opportunity for Fiftymen fans to say a final farewell.

Even Hardill admits that there will likely be "Seven grown-ass men crying on stage."

There will be more than that crying in the Sheep.

Let's all raise a glass to the dudes from Fiftymen and their three stellar studio albums, their many adventurous live shows, their wonderful lyrics that have hit us all straight in the heart, and just for being real people, like all of us.

Here's to Fiftymen. It's been a great 16 years and you deserve to be wherever the world takes you.

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'Looks like Canada'



Justin Trudeau had a special greeting for waiting children after his cabinet was sworn in.

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PARLIAMENT

Government will be based on teamwork, trust: Trudeau

Justin Trudeau beamed as he explained why he felt the need to put together Canada's first cabinet with an equal number of male and female members, 15 each.

"It's an incredible pleasure for me to be before you today ... to present a cabinet that looks like Canada," Trudeau said on Wednesday afternoon in his first statement as Canada's 23rd prime minister.

He had a quick answer and a smile when asked why he felt the need for the gender balance in his 30-member cabinet.

"Because it's 2015," he told reporters gathered outside Rideau Hall. "Canadians elected extraordinary members of Parliament ... I'm glad to be able to highlight a few of them in the cabinet today."

He promised that his government would be one based on trust and teamwork that delivers "evidence-based policy."

"Government by cabinet is back," he said.

Trudeau said he welcomed media asking serious questions and respected the desire for open data and access to information.

"We're forming a government that places trust at the very centre of its actions," he said.

He said he trusts his cabinet will help him fulfill a pledge to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees and also said he will push for human rights in upcoming talks in China.

That's important "not just for Canadians but for everyone on this planet," he said.

A standing ovation followed the pledge by Trudeau to be a "faithful and true servant" of the Queen in Canada in the blue-walled hall, with its high ceilings, gold curtains and massive portrait of Queen Elizabeth II.

Trudeau, 43, made history by becoming the first child of a former Canadian prime minister to assume the post. His late father, Pierre Trudeau, last held the office in 1984.

The new prime minister was almost literally at home as he assumed Canada's top post. He is currently living in a secure Georgian revival-style cottage behind Rideau Hall, where the swearing-in ceremonies are held.

Trudeau grew up at the official prime minister's residence at 24 Sussex Dr. in Ottawa. That building is now slated to undergo renovations to remove lead pipes and outdated wiring, among other things.

He and his incoming cabinet arrived at Rideau Hall this morning after a walk on which they were greeted and cheered by well-wishers.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Incoming Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire arrive with his cabinet before his swearing-in at Rideau

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Because it's 2015.

Justin Trudeau on why gender parity is important

3 LITTLE (YET SIGNIFICANT) DETAILS

TRUDEAU'S BLUE TIE

It was hard not to see the new prime minister's choice of tie in stark contrast to the other men admitted to the executive branch, almost all of whom wore red ties.



THE GREAT SEAL OF CANADA

Innovation minister Navdeep Bains is seen clutching the Great Seal, which is affixed to bills when they get royal assent and is entrusted to the registrar general of Canada.



A beautiful fall day, a buoyant ceremony, a general air of optimism — everything goes Justin Trudeau's way as the country's 23rd prime minister and his notably diversified cabinet are sworn in



Hall in Ottawa on Nov. 4. CHRIS WATTIE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

BIBLES
Many of the new ministers brought their own books of scripture to hold while taking their oaths.



THE 6 TOUGHEST JOBS IN OTTAWA

1 Improve standing on world stage



Stéphane Dion | Foreign Affairs

Dion struggles in English and is not a natural schmoozer, making him an unusual choice for a job that prizes both those skills. But he is highly intelligent and has held key portfolios in past Liberal governments.

Level of difficulty
Fit

2 Missing-and-murdered inquiry



Carolyn Bennett | Indigenous and Northern Affairs

Bennett, a former family physician and minister of state in Paul Martin's government, is an obvious choice. Her past work as an aboriginal-affairs critic gives her instant credibility on a sensitive file.

Level of difficulty
Fit

3 Settle 25,000 refugees by 2016



John McCallum | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

The former Royal Bank chief economist has seemingly little experience on the immigration file. But his past cabinet experience (Defence, Veterans Affairs) should help.

Level of difficulty
Fit

4 Deliver federal budget by March



Bill Morneau | Finance

The rookie MP brings Bay Street cred as the former head of a human-resources company. He jumps right in to arguably the government's most important portfolio. For a political newcomer, it will be a very tall order.

Level of difficulty
Fit

5 Prepare for Paris climate summit



Catherine McKenna | Environment and Climate Change

The former human-rights and social-justice lawyer showed her political mettle by unseating NDP stalwart Paul Dewar. Now can she deliver on all of Trudeau's environmental promises?

Level of difficulty
Fit

6 End bombings in Syria, Iraq



Harjit Sajjan | Defence

The rookie MP served in Bosnia and Afghanistan and was the first Sikh to command a Canadian Army regiment. He has instant credibility with the rank-and-file; the top brass is another matter.

Level of difficulty
Fit



Trudeau hugs Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna at Rideau Hall.

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

McKenna likely choice for NCC

ENVIRONMENT

Ottawa Centre MP could push reforms urged in campaign



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Newly-minted Environment Minister Catherine McKenna will be a leading player in the Liberal government's efforts to fight climate change, but that won't be the only thing on her plate.

As the only Ottawa-area MP appointed to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's new cabinet Wednesday, McKenna will likely be the minister responsible for the National Capital Region.

The job includes overseeing the National Capital Commission, which McKenna campaigned on reforming.

McKenna toppled NDP incumbent Paul Dewar in Ottawa Centre, running a campaign that heavily focused on local issues.

Among them: a four-point plan to reform the NCC, more bike lanes in the riding, garnering federal funds for a new central library, and a plan for the vacant former U.S. embassy on Wellington Street.

There's also the matter of the controversial memorial to the victims of communism, which many, including McKenna, have said should be moved from its planned location.

That memorial was part of the impetus for McKenna's proposed NCC reforms, which include more open meetings and more consultation on major projects.

Mayor Jim Watson applauded McKenna's appointment, saying he's had a good working relationship with her.

"I've found her to be a breath of fresh air when dealing with a lot of issues that are important to us locally," Watson said.

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CABINET

Political celebs and veterans on back bench

Presented with a wealth of talent to choose from in making his cabinet, there was some political capital Prime Minister Justin Trudeau chose not to spend.

A retired general and a former Toronto police chief were among the star Liberal MPs shut out of Trudeau's maiden cabinet, along with several veteran MPs.

At the same time, relative political rookies now find themselves commanding some of the top political posts, including National Defence, Justice and the government's signature infrastructure plan.

"We have an awful lot of work to do in the coming weeks, months and years," Trudeau said after the group was sworn in.

"But I know that Canadians expect of us to come together and put forward a team that is going to be able to deliver on the change, on the ambitious plan for this country that the Liberal Party ran on — and that's exactly what we're going to deliver."

Retired lieutenant-general Andrew Leslie was considered a shoo-in for a cabinet spot when he announced he was running for the Liberals but was left out of the mix, as was former Toronto police chief Bill Blair.

Longtime MPs, including Joyce Murray and former cabinet minister Hedy Fry, were also on the outside looking in.

Fry said she had absolutely no hard feelings.

"He matched people's capabilities to their talents, and I'm looking forward to working with them," she said. "What I bring to the table is a fair amount of experience and that ability to roll up my sleeves and help us to succeed."

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1 Team shot — PM Justin Trudeau holds a news conference with his cabinet after they were sworn in at Rideau Hall. FRED CHARTRAND/ THE CANADIAN PRESS



2 Man of the people — The PM takes a selfie with onlookers as his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, left, looks on. FRED CHARTRAND/ THE CANADIAN PRESS



3 Emotional moment — Trudeau's mother Margaret reacts to the swearing-in. SEAN KILPATRICK/ THE CANADIAN PRESS



4 Young ambition — Two-year-old Ross Potter wears a Mountie uniform as he waits for the ceremony to begin at Rideau Hall. JUSTIN TANG/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NEW DEMOCRATS

Thomas Mulcair meets with caucus after crushing defeat

Tom Mulcair's campaign theme song Meet Me in the Basement by Broken Social Scene took on an ironic — and literal — significance Wednesday as the election-bruised NDP caucus gathered in the bowels of Parliament Hill.

The New Democrat leader, who has stayed out of the public eye since his party's drubbing two weeks ago, met with a significantly downsized caucus just hours after Justin Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister.

In a speech open to the media, Mulcair said the election results were not what the NDP hoped for but vowed the

party will examine what happened.

"We will be taking time in the months to come to analyze what happened," Mulcair said. "I've asked party president Rebecca Blaikie and national director Anne McGrath to start that process immediately."

The NDP leader said he wants a "top-level panel" to conduct that work, including outgoing MPs, current members and party elders who did not play a direct role in the campaign.

"I want an unvarnished, open, complete look at what happened and (will) report back to you and to all members of

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The Conservative caucus meets Thursday for the first time since the election.

the party on that," he said.

"I'm committed to overseeing this process to find the answers and to lead our party to government in 2019."

Mulcair may be eager to stay on as leader, but his political fate depends on the results of a leadership review set for next spring in Edmonton.

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Tom Mulcair speaks to reporters in the foyer on Parliament Hill. JUSTIN TANG/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

MIGRANT CRISIS

Volunteers flock to Greek island

As the Greek island Lesbos struggles with a huge migrant surge, a close-knit group of volunteers is working alongside Greek fishermen to rescue people at sea, provide medical care and bring comfort and basic necessities.

In the past three weeks, about 100,000 migrants reached Europe's busiest coastline — 10 kilometres of shore in northern Lesbos — whose beaches are littered by mounds of discarded orange life vests. The task can sometimes feel overwhelming, as children die before the rescuers' eyes and there is never an end to the people in need. But the volunteers say the hardship is better than watching the plight of refugees on television.

One volunteer, Essan Daod, a Palestinian surgeon, flew to Lesbos from Israel three weeks ago to treat migrants, horrified

by the scenes of anguish.

Since then, the 32-year-old doctor has helped deliver a baby on the beach, treated countless

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It was like a battlefield.

Essan Daod, volunteer

broken bones and revived more unconscious infants than he can remember. His worst day on Lesbos was Oct. 28, when high waves broke up a wooden boat crammed with refugees. More than 40 died and some 240 were rescued.

“We gave CPR to 15 or 17 people, kids and others. It was a miracle that so many made it, but four or five didn't,” Daod said.

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IN BRIEF

Canadian fighting with Kurdish forces in Syria killed: Report

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says a Canadian fighting the Islamic State group in Syria has been killed in a suicide attack.

The observatory says in a posting on its website that John Robert Gallagher was killed in the attack by an ISIL fighter on Wednesday at a farm near Dalhu village in the predominantly Kurdish province of Hassakeh that borders Iraq. Maclean's magazine says Gallagher is a former infantryman with the 2nd Battalion of the Princess

Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, who went into Syria in July to fight with a U.S.-backed Kurdish militia known as the YPG. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thousands of crocodiles go hungry in Honduras

A U.S. investigation into alleged money laundering for drug traffickers by one of Honduras' most powerful families has resulted in some unusual victims: thousands of hungry crocodiles.

At least 7,500 crocodiles on a private farm have been poorly fed in recent weeks because of a lack of resources. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The young family of Alexei Gromov, 27, his wife Tatyana, 26, and their 10-month-old daughter Darina, who was the youngest passenger in Russia's deadliest plane crash last Saturday, which took the lives of 224 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials: Bomb may have downed plane

EGYPT

Britain says flights to and from Sinai suspended

British and U.S. officials said Wednesday they have information suggesting the Russian jetliner that crashed in the Egyptian desert may have been brought down by a bomb, and Britain said it was suspending flights to and from the Sinai Peninsula indefinitely.

Intercepted communications played a role in the tentative

conclusion that the Islamic State group's Sinai affiliate planted an explosive device on the plane, said a U.S. official briefed on the matter. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss intelligence matters publicly.

The official and others said there had been no formal judgment rendered by the CIA or other intelligence agencies, and that forensic evidence from the blast site, including the airplane's black box, was still being analyzed.

The official added that intelligence analysts don't believe the operation was ordered by Islamic State leaders in Raqqa,

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We have become concerned that the plane may well have been brought down by an explosive device.

Statement from David Cameron's office

Syria. Rather, they believe that if it was a bomb, it was planned and executed by a Sinai affiliate of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which operates autonomously.

Other officials cautioned that

intercepted communications can sometimes be misleading and that it's possible the evidence will add up to a conclusion that there was no bomb.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said there was a “significant possibility” the crash was caused by a bomb, and Britain was suspending flights to and from the Sinai resort of Sharm el-Sheikh indefinitely.

After a meeting of the British government's crisis committee, COBRA, Hammond said Britain was advising its citizens not to go on vacation to Sharm el-Sheikh, which is visited by hundreds of thousands of Britons a year.

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EMMA TEITEL: ON PARLIAMENT'S CAST OF CHARACTERS

An institution without diversity is, if not inferior, infinitely dull. Which is why Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's historic decision to appoint a gender-balanced cabinet is brilliant.



When I graduated from university with a degree in English literature and began writing a column about current affairs, my biggest challenge was overcoming a profound lack of interest in Canadian politics. I watched CPAC — the televised proceedings of the House of Commons — in hopes of igniting a civic passion and instead discovered a soporific more powerful than 10 turkey dinners.

"Try to think about politics like daytime TV," a politically inclined friend advised me. "Picture every member of Parliament as a character on a soap opera, each one with their own back story and drama."

This method gave me some hope but was ultimately unsuccessful. For one thing, the prurging of Parliament bore zero resemblance to *The Bold and the Beautiful*, or my all-time favourite soap, *Passions*. But more importantly, Canadian government, even at its most engaging, lacked something soap operas have in excess: a diverse cast of characters. On a soap opera there is, to name a few, the formidable patriarch, the weird aunt, the young stud, the vengeful love child and the ghost of her aborted twin. In Canadian government though, there seemed to be an overwhelming supply of one character and one character only: the formidable patriarch — in other words, the greying

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white man.

There is no crime or shame in being a greying white man, or a white man of any age or persuasion. In fact, I would be delighted if the new Liberal government added to its official platform a nationwide moratorium on the intensely stupid and increasingly popular word "mansplain." But an institution without diversity is, if not inferior, infinitely dull. Which is why Prime Min-

the environment and climate change. The televised ceremony began with two little Inuit girls throat singing and then immediately cracking up, a thoroughly adorable moment which in turn made the Governor General, David Johnston and Trudeau crack up, too. When a reporter asked Trudeau after the ceremony why gender parity in his cabinet is important he said, simply, "Because it's 2015."



COLOURFUL CREW Though it's not quite as thrilling as the cast of *Passions*, the House of Commons is getting the diverse leadership team it needs and deserves, writes Emma Teitel. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ister Justin Trudeau's historic decision to appoint a gender-balanced cabinet is brilliant and, judging by the rapturous social media reaction to his swearing-in ceremony this week, also widely popular.

Among Trudeau's new gender-balanced 31-member cabinet, sworn in officially at Rideau Hall where thousands applauded outside, are Jody Wilson-Raybould, the first aboriginal woman to hold the post of justice minister, Chrystia Freeland, the first woman to be appointed trade minister since the 1980s, and NGO director Catherine McKenna, who will serve as minister of

In other words, representation and the civic engagement it generates is not mere window dressing to more "serious" business. It is serious business in and of itself, and the notion that calculated fairness will sully a meritocracy that probably never existed to begin with is foolish and unconvincing. Trudeau's call for gender parity in cabinet has gifted Canadian government the diverse cast of characters it desperately needs and deserves. Mind you, it is a cast nowhere as interesting as any seen on *The Bold and the Beautiful* or *Passions*, but that's probably a good thing.

In the end, it's hard to be a Grinch in Canada. Trudeau's swearing-in was rife with good feeling, a contagious vibe no matter your political leanings. And yet, though the Liberal government has every reason to celebrate its achievement in gender parity and youth civic engagement, it must be, in some ways, quite terrified. Expectations of this government are astronomically high — especially among millennials, who don't cleave to political parties the way their parents did and will likely have no problem shedding any loyalty to Trudeau the moment his "hope and change" Obama moment subsides and real governance begins.

Shortly before Trudeau's ceremony a spokesperson for the Liberal party reiterated on national television Trudeau's "openness" and ability to engage people from all walks of life. Harper's cold and insular government, full of crabby media-wary political operatives, we are told again and again, didn't pan out. Everybody chose "Sunny Ways." Sunny Ways, Sunny Ways, Sunny Ways: It is the Marsha Brady of political slogans. And perhaps it's time the Trudeau government considered retiring the phrase — even in light of its many wins. Because though things are looking up for Trudeau — and indeed, they really are — cloudier days full of uncomfortable compromise lie ahead.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Stick figures and tea: The new stealth tactics to teach sexual consent

Note to self: When broaching a sensitive subject, use stick figures, and, if possible, tea.

Even the most defensive will surely be somewhat charmed by the thought of cosy, friendly orange pekoe. And stick figures are inherently funny, like pugs in tutus or cats attacking babies (just Google it).

Thus, we have the viral consent video, which is not a phrase I ever expected would make sense, but now does. It's medicine masquerading as comedy, information in the guise of absurdity. Change, one hopes, via a laugh.

The video, written by Rockstar Dinosaur Pirate Princess and created by Blue Seat Studios, illustrates a lesson in consent by comparing offering to have sex with someone to offering them tea. The basic message: If the sex you're about to have is comparable to forcing someone to drink tea, then stop.

"Don't make them drink tea, don't get annoyed at them for not wanting tea. They just don't want tea, OK?" the voice-over explains, while a stick figure gets angry and then pours tea into another stick figure's mouth.

"And if they're unconscious don't make them tea. Unconscious people don't want tea, and they can't answer the question, 'Do you want tea?' because they're unconscious."

Right? So funny.

But hopefully also useful. Hopefully, those who may have not understood consent (like some people I've known) will be caught up in the hilarious and disturbing image of one stick figure forcing another stick figure to drink tea, and think, Hey! That makes a bit more sense, now.

I also felt like the issue reached new clarity thanks to the comparison.

That's certainly the goal of Blue Seat Studios owner and creative director Rachel Brian. Brian told me some have criticized the video by arguing it won't stop rapists from raping people, but she finds that reductive, and I agree.

"There are many cases of sexual assault where the person doesn't intend to be a rapist," she said. "I think the idea that it's, you know, this evil-versus-good thing, and if you're just a good person there will never be a problem, is a little bit naive."

Brian added: "It is not a preachy video and it doesn't assume that people are terrible."

That's the key, friends. The video lets us all consider how to be more considerate about sex without making some people defensive right off the bat. And, Brian added, the video has even helped some assault survivors finally believe it wasn't their fault.

So, stick figures and tea: The new stealth tactics.

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AVENUE OF MYSTERIES

Long road to new novel spurred by a father's fear

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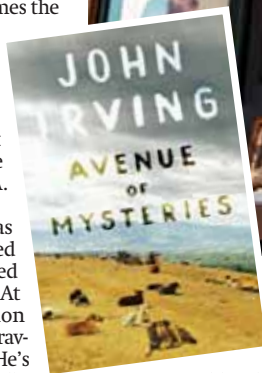
I stumble over John Irving's foot as I tuck myself into the snug booth. He stretches his arms up and out mimicking a giant arachnid as he blames the spider-like table legs for my misstep. It's an endearing icebreaker.

We're meeting over breakfast in a crowded Toronto bar to talk about his latest novel, *Avenue of Mysteries* (Alfred A. Knopf Canada, \$35).

I momentarily feel as awkward and disoriented as the book's lame-footed protagonist Juan Diego. At 54, Juan is on a collision course of his own while traveling to the Philippines. He's off his beta-blockers and slipping in and out of dreams and memories of his 14-year-old self.

The story of Juan Diego and his sister, Lupe, is the 14th novel from the fevered imagination of Irving, author of bestsellers *The World According to Garp*, *The Cider House Rules*, *A Prayer for Owen Meany* and *A Widow for One Year*.

Avenue of Mysteries, by turns absurd, tender, profound and



John Irving in his Toronto office — the largest workspace he's ever had. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

combination thereof — plumbs the author's favourite themes of religion, sex and fear.

It was Irving's good friend, photographer Mary Ellen Mark, who planted a seed of fear that over more than two decades grew into *Avenue of Mysteries*. In the late 1980s, Mark showed him her images of child performers in circuses in India. In 1990, Irving joined Mark and her film director husband, Martin

Bell, in India where they lived with the Royal Circus while Irving drafted a screenplay called *Escaping Maharashtra*. When they couldn't get the movie made, a search for other circuses with young at-risk performers led them to Mexico.

"We saw some amazing circuses," says Irving. "You know the little curb around a ring? There were no bars. The lions just came into the ring and looked at all the children eating cotton candy and peanuts in the front row. You could

have reached out and touched them," he says, reaching across the tiny table to touch my hand, laughing.

"The origins (of *Avenue of Mysteries*) are kids at risk and the unthinkable happening to a child," says Irving. "I wouldn't go see one of those circuses again if you paid me, but with every novel I've written there has to be an element that I am dreading even writing about. Because of how visceral my reaction is to something (unimaginable) ever happening to a child

or grand-child of mine, the fear is autobiographical."

When we walk to Irving's nearby workspace, Metro's photographer and a book publicist join us in the large bright suite. A scrupulously tidy desk-top stretches the length of a wall covered in family photos. His Oscar for *The Cider House Rules* screenplay sits opposite on the fireplace mantle. A treadmill separates the main room from a nook with two walls of

IN THE WORKS

For the love of Garp

Irving is writing a teleplay of *The World According to Garp* for an HBO Warner Bros. mini-series. Having passed on two previous overtures to adapt his 1978 bestseller, Irving, now 73, says he didn't want to say no again.

wrestling pictures of his sons.

After showing us Mark's image of Pinky, the young Indian circus performer who inspired the character of Lupe, Irving poses for photos and the conversation turns to researching orphanages like the one Juan and Lupe live in for a time.

Irving recalls how his youngest son, Everett, wanted to revisit an orphanage while helping with research for the book. "The first time, (the children) don't look at you," says Irving. "The second time, they think you're coming for them." The author borrows publicist Evan as a prop. Approaching from behind, Irving shyly slips his hand into Evan's hand, saying, "This is what happens when you make a return visit to an orphanage."

In the open yet intimate workspace, defined by its images of the author as patriarch, father and family man, it's easy to imagine Irving taking that symbolic child's proffered hand and embracing his fears yet again.

ON HIS READING TABLE
Edmund White's *Our Young Man* (April 2016) "is the best novel I've read in a long time," says Irving.

COLLABORATIONS

Joseph Boyden takes residential school film on the road

When the frozen body of 12-year-old Charlie Wenjack was found on a lonely stretch of railway tracks in northern Ontario nearly 50 years ago, it sparked the first inquest into the treatment of aboriginal children in Canadian residential schools.

Before the boy's death, many Canadians weren't aware of the country's residential school system, acclaimed novelist Joseph Boyden explains. It would be some 30 years before the last one closed its doors.

"Charlie put that into motion," said the Scotiabank Giller

Prize winner. "He's a living and breathing symbol."

Boyden is collaborating with filmmaker Terril Calder on Project Charlie. The animated film will tour across the country next year in conjunction with Boyden's forthcoming novel *Seven Matches*, and will mark the 50th anniversary of Wenjack's death.

"We are using his story as a call to action," said Calder. "Considering all that has come to light and the (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada) report, it is timely to come at this story with a contempor-

It is timely to come at this story with a contemporary perspective that pulls no punches.

Filmmaker Terril Calder

ary perspective that pulls no punches. It examines not only Charlie's (life), but speaks to our nation's role in evoking change. Not acting is an action against reconciliation."

Justice Murray Sinclair led the commission on the Indian Residential School system in Canada, and his report — re-

leased in the spring — resulted in 94 recommendations aimed at bridging the experiences of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians.

Project Charlie secured its funding through the inaugural (Re)conciliation initiative, and is one of six cultural works by aboriginal artists that will begin

to roll out across the country in the fall of 2016.

Selected from 190 submissions by a panel of indigenous arts professionals, the six pilot projects are receiving up to \$75,000 of federal funding through the Canada Council for the Arts and its partners — J.W. McConnell Family Foundation and The Circle on Philanthropy and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada. The initiative aims to promote themes of conciliation and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Art and reconciliation are not new concepts, says Elder Samuel Thomas, a grant recipient based in Niagara Falls, Ont.

"This is something that's been on our minds as aboriginal people for a long time," he said.

With *Opening the Doors to Dialogue*, he will host beading sessions across the country.

"The beads are used to take the lump out of your throat to speak again, unplug your ears to hear again, to wipe your tears to see again," said Thomas.

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BOOK EXCERPT **THE BASSOON KING** BY RAINN WILSON

'A tall, pimply, gangly teen'



Comedic talent Rainn Wilson chronicles how he developed his unique sense of humour in his memoir, *The Bassoon King: My Life in Art, Faith, and Idiocy* (on sale Nov. 10).

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Having studied piano as a kid and then clarinet at Kellogg Junior High, just north of Seattle, I went to my band teacher and told him I wanted to quit clarinet and play tenor sax. Saxophone was just way cooler. Guys in the sax section would crack jokes, goof off and wear sunglasses in class sometimes. Clarinet wasn't pathetically loser-ish (I mean it wasn't French Horn!), but it's not the most masculine of instruments either. Sure there was a clarinet-like instrument in the Cantina scene in *Star Wars*, but let's face it, clarinets are for girls in braces and Woody Allen. (Who loves girls in braces. Badum, dum!)

My band teacher, John Law (real name), really pulled a fast one on me. He said something to the effect of "well, you COULD play the sax, but we've just got SO many saxophones right now. You know what's an amazing instrument? One that's really cool and unique?" I was all like

"What? What's really cool and unique?" He was like "The Bassoon." And I was like: "Wow. THE BASSOON. What's that?"

And with that manipulative interaction, a bassoonist was born.

The bassoon is ridiculous. They should be banned for being horrible, unnecessary and adenoidally grating.

It takes like an hour to assemble one. They're enormous. It's like they're made out of Lincoln logs, aluminum twigs and paper towel tubes. There are these tiny double wooden reeds that you have to soak and trim and tend to all the time. There's a strap that you actually have to sit on when you play so the whole thing doesn't fall onto the floor like a bundle of garbage. And, after all that falderall, they end up sounding like an anemic donkey with laryngitis.

Later, after I was digging into my bassooning, Mr. Law was thoughtful enough to let

the class know that originally the bassoon was called the 'fagotti' in Italian because it was like a faggot (bundle) of wood when you were carrying the pieces around. That went over really well. People in junior high just loved commenting in all sorts of interesting ways on me and my enormous 'fagotti.'

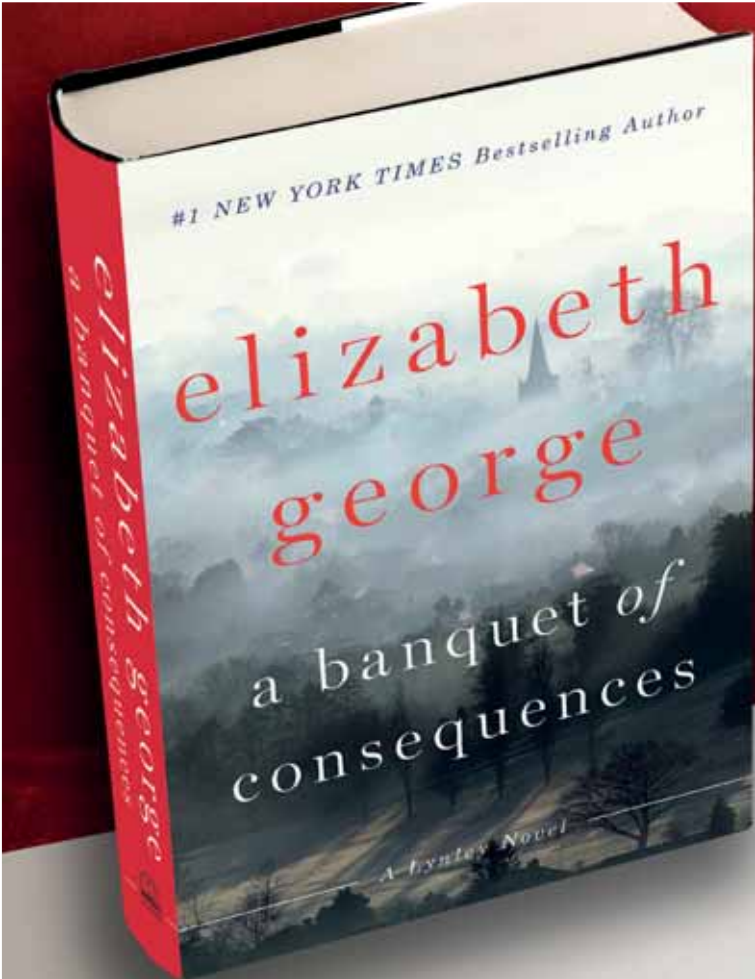
I would also occasionally play in the pep band and marching band as a ... wait for it ... xylophonist. Our High School team was the Highlanders and thusly the marching band wore kilts and knee-high socks. If you went to a Shorecrest game or pep rally in 1982 or '83 and saw a tall, pimply, gangly teen in a plaid tartan kilt with a xylophone strapped to his skinny chest, that was probably me. Also, it should be noted that the "cool" guys in marching band would go "commando" under their kilts as they played "Tequila" and "On Wisconsin" and floppily marched around like pubescent idiots.

As if the bassoon, xylophone and science fiction obsession wasn't enough, I then took up an interest in chess. It's as if the sirens of dweebdom lured me inexorably into their pimply lair, from which I never really returned.

So I joined the chess club at Shorecrest High School. The team was centered around two guys whose name sounded like shoe: Terry Hsu (Chinese dude) and Jeff Schuh (white dude). They were really good at chess and taught the rest of us dorks a ton. Terry was first board and Jeff second. Other team members were Blake Kremer (3rd board), David Potter (5th board) and me manning the 4th board. You see, a chess team is comprised of the five best chess players and you put them in order from 1st board to 5th. When you play another team, they bring their five best and you both have at it in a silent room with a handful of awkward, acne-draped spectators. We

did pretty well with the "shoe" brothers and went to the state championship one of the two years I was on the team. We even beat the fancy-pants private school, Lakeside (alma mater of Bill "Fancy Pants" Gates). We crowed about that victory quite a bit, I can tell you.


Once the cheerleaders mockingly made a bunch of chess team banners for the school entranceway that said things like "CONGRATS CHESS TEAM STATE CHAMPS 82!" and stuff like that. Everyone at the school snidely guffawed and thought that was a total hoot and we slunk past the banners in shame. Jeff Schuh, however, had purchased a "chess" letterman's jacket with a giant knight's profile on the back and wore it around proudly. He was a nerd rebel and didn't care what the majority of Highlanders thought of him. Like "Spock" and "Potsie Weber" from *Happy Days* he immediately became a nerd hero.




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How writing a salad into a scene creates a more complex character

Johanna Schneller
For Metro Canada



The Wedge

The three Pfefferman siblings (Amy Landecker, Jay Duplass and Gaby Hoffman), who are trying to cope as their father (Jeffrey Tambor) transitions to a woman in present-day, hipster Los Angeles, have just eaten lunch in a favourite restaurant from their childhood, one of those throwback places whose menu and decor are frozen in time.

Then they go visit their mother (Judith Light). The eldest (Landecker) holds out a doggie bag. "I brought you a wedge," she says, waggling it. Now that made me sit up, because a wedge salad is this crazy-specific L.A. thing, a chunk of iceberg lettuce, drenched in blue cheese dressing.

Why such retro food is a menu staple in a city that's all about skinniness and trendiness, I do not know, but it is.



Transparent's wedge salad scene reveals reams about Amy Landecker's character (pictured right). CONTRIBUTED

So instantly, we're grounded in a particular place. Even better, as Landecker hands over the bag, she can't resist crowing, "I'm the only one who remembered!"

In that one-second gesture, we learn reams about her character. She's a full-grown woman in a complex situation (she's cheating on her husband with a woman), yet she still has the ingrained, unshakable habit of needing to be the "good" child, the favourite child.

She wants to be seen as

unselfish, yet can't resist rubbing it in.

It makes me feel like this family's backstory is infinite, and that show creator Jill Soloway (who just won an Emmy, as did Tambor) can take us anywhere. Because of a salad.

Now that's great writing.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday

Lucy Lawless finds love for The Evil Dead

INTERVIEW

Actress talks about her hate for first film, her new role

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York



Lucy Lawless wasn't so happy with the 1981 horror *The Evil Dead*. But never say never: a decade-and-change later she was married to its producer, Robert Tapper, and working with star Bruce Campbell and filmmaker Sam Raimi on the shows *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* followed by her starring role on *Xena: Warrior Princess*.

Now the gang is back together with *Ash vs. Evil Dead*, the new show that picks up with Campbell's Ash, the salty, one-handed, demon-battling hero of Raimi's *Evil Dead* series. Lawless plays Ruby, and though she's only around a bit in the first few episodes, she soon

joins forces to fight the latest apocalypse.

You only have what's basically a cameo in the first episode.

There was more to that scene, but Sam found it too mean-spirited, so he cut it out. It involved my character smoking like a train, and some little kid comes up to her and tells her her mommy thinks smoking is dirty. And the kid gets a cup of coffee in the face. It was funny, but a bit mean.

When you're acting with Bruce, you probably don't want to try and be too funny.

It's better you get to be Dean Martin to Jerry Lewis. I would describe my character as an irritant. Ash is on a mission to save the world and she's going to make it hard for him. She's introduced slowly in the beginning, partly because I was working on something else in the middle of the show. Ash builds this ad-hoc family

of misfits, and then you bring someone in who's going to f— it all up.

I heard the first time you saw the original *The Evil Dead* you were nonplussed. I got up and walked out. I couldn't watch the rest of it. I thought these people should be in the ground. Then I was married to one of them 12 years later.

What caused the about-face?

I saw the second one, which was completely genius. Even though I was never into the Three Stooges, I could see this Bruce Campbell character was remarkable, throwing himself around the kitchen. A lot of that is the magic of Sam's sensibility. And the unseen member in that relationship is Bob Tappert, who I'm married to, who makes it all happen practically — who has the attention span to do that over a series. He's a phenomenally productive human being.

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Halle scary, exes say

You know what's worse than going through a messy public breakup with your short-tempered French husband? Having your other ex-husbands take to Twitter to chime in about it. Isn't social media the worst?

David Justice went on a Twitter rant about his ex. "Yup, me, Eric



(Benet), Gabriel (Aubry) and Olivier (Martinez) were all her 'knight in shining armor,' until it ends. Then we all become the worst guys in history. Only the guys in the relationship with Halle know the real deal. There will be another, of course. He'll be

called 'the best' until it ends," he posted, before insinuating that Berry had a surprise coming for Martinez in their custody battle.

"Just wait, Olivier. It's coming. She insinuated that her daughter wasn't safe around Gabriel. Look it up and see the reason. Just wrong."

That's all bad enough, but then Benet piled on with, "My man (David Justice) is tweeting some truth." Real classy, guys.

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Serena Williams catches crook

In the pantheon of dumb criminals, this guy who thought he could outrun Serena Williams has got to be one of the dumbest.

The tennis champ took to Facebook to regale fans and friends with a tale of a dinner out for Chinese food ("delicious, I may add") turning into an audition for Wonder Woman. "When least expected, low and behold this

common petty thief grabbed my phone and swiftly left," she writes in the post, which was accompanied by a photo of her photoshopped into a Supergirl costume.

"I jumped up, weaved my way in and out of the cozy restaurant (leaping over a chair or two) and chased



him down. He began to run but I was too fast. (Those sprints came in handy) I was upon him in a flash!" She confronted her adversary, who played dumb and claimed he'd grabbed the wrong phone. Sure, buddy. That explains the running.

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Weak wide release for Steve Jobs

BOX OFFICE

Director Danny Boyle on complex films and sales

Danny Boyle admits Steve Jobs is a hard sell. The film about the Apple co-founder got disappointing figures when it opened wide across the U.S., taking only \$7.1 million despite critical acclaim and two successful preview weekends on limited release.

Boyle was surprised by the film's box office

numbers but says he's not interested in taking the easy route when making movies.

"You try and make complex films, not simplistic films. You also want to make them highly pleasurable as well," the 59-year-old British director said in an interview Monday.

"We did brilliantly the first two weekends," he explained.

"Then they went too wide too soon and that's a mistake. But hindsight experts are always around on Monday mornings."

The movie, starring Michael Fassbender as Jobs and Kate Winslet as his right-hand woman Joanna Hoffman, comes from a script by Aaron



Kate Winslet with director Danny Boyle. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Sorkin. Considered an award-season heavyweight, the Oscar-winning Boyle (Slumdog Millionaire, 2008) is confident the film will find its audience and says he won't be shocked if Fassbender and Winslet feature high on the upcoming trophy circuit season.

"I've been very lucky to be

involved with a lot of very good performances over the years, and this is on a different planet, I think. I mean Fassbender and Winslet — and Seth Rogen is just extraordinary in his playing (Apple engineer Steve) Wozniak — so yes, I'm very, very proud," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIFESTYLES

Lil Wayne: Young money millionaire owes two 'milli'

Ned Ehrbar

Metro | Hollywood



Lil Wayne's problems are definitely Rich People Problems. The rapper's Miami Beach mansion was stormed by cops Wednesday to seize property in connection with a dispute he has with private jet leasing company the Signature Group, according to TMZ.

Law enforcement officials arrived to seize some "sizeable" assets from within the home because of Lil Wayne's failure to pay a \$2 million judgment against him in his dispute with the company that came down in September. He's also on the hook for \$200,000 in legal fees for the company.

The company initially sued Lil Wayne for failing to pay for two



Lil Wayne. GETTY IMAGES

years of his three-year contract with them. Lil Wayne himself wasn't there to see the fracas, though. The rapper is currently in Los Angeles. According to paparazzi, he visited the Ace of Diamonds strip club Monday night. He might need a return visit to cheer him up after today.

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From the outside, they look just like any other six-storey midrise structures. It's what you don't see underneath that could be a potential game-changer for Canada's condominium construction industry.

Recent changes to provincial building codes have paved the way for wood-frame construction of midrise buildings up to six storeys in On-

tario and B.C., where the current limit in most other jurisdictions is four storeys. Changes to the National Building Code of Canada are expected to follow suit.

As the condo industry embraces the growth of wood frame construction, we'll start to see more townhomes and midrise condos made from engineered wood materials. What does that mean for the prospective home buyer?

Benefits

The obvious advantage is cost. Analysts predict a reduction in construction costs of multi-residential and office buildings in the order of 10 to 15 per cent. That's after factoring in the

added safety provisions mandated by the legislation.

Multi-storey wood frame construction is not a new idea. Take a look at the oldest parts of Canada's downtown cities and you'll find many fine examples of legacy construction: mammoth office buildings and warehouses framed with giant timbers and clad in brick.

These buildings have stood the test of time, and many have been transformed into the coveted and trendy loft and office spaces that fetch considerable sums today. For example, Winnipeg's Exchange District is known for its century-old timber buildings that rise up to eight storeys.

But the wood construction of today uses an entirely different class of high-tech materials, such as glulam, a cross-laminated timber product that makes it easier to prefabricate building components. Solid panels up to 20 metres long can

be produced in factories with cutouts ready for window and door openings. These components are then shipped on site to form the walls and floors of the building.

Modern take

A new design trend is also underway that takes wood frame construction a step further. CABIN, a new, six-storey hybrid wood and concrete condo in Toronto, incorporates wood elements and accents on the exterior and interiors of the building in a modern interpretation of the Muskoka Lakes style.

According to CABIN developer Adam Ochshorn, "There's a movement up north and throughout Canada, on the west coast and on Georgian Bay, of not doing the typical type of A-frame construction from the '70s and building something more contemporary. That's what we're trying to bring to the city."



CABIN is a new boutique condo in Toronto's funky West Queen West neighbourhood. The six-storey condo is a combination of wood and concrete construction and boasts spacious, two-level suites with outdoor spaces.

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AROUND CANADA

Sail Condos, Vancouver

A new six-storey contemporary West Coast condominium by Adera Development. These urban apartment homes feature Westbrook Village amenities close by and greenways connecting the community. B.C. allowed six-storey wood frame construction back in 2009.



360 Lofts, Ottawa

This 38-unit condo by Windmill Development is situated in the popular ByWard Market district. With its six-storey facade, it pushes the boundaries of wood construction in a way that resulted in an award in 2012 from the Canadian Wood Council.



TEN Mount Royal, Calgary

A new four-storey condo collection by Maple Projects, offering a Lower Mount Royal address. The City of Calgary approved the construction of six-storey, wood frame buildings in 2014.



20 Dawn St., Halifax

An example of four-storey wood frame construction in Halifax is this eight-unit apartment building located in the Fairview neighbourhood that was built three years ago.



Verve Tache North, Winnipeg

It's hard to tell that this is a wood frame building. The contemporary four-storey, 62-unit condo is located in the French quarter surrounded by historic sites. It boasts a rooftop terrace that offers views of the Red River, the Forks and downtown.



Solara at Skyview, Edmonton

Close to the heart of the city, this four-storey, wood frame midrise by Abbey Lane Homes is located on 127 Street in northwest Edmonton. The condominium offers buyers great value and provides generous floor plans, granite countertops and laminate flooring.



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For Metro Canada



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Johnny Manziel is expected to start for the Browns (2-6) when they meet the undefeated Bengals (7-0) on Thursday night

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THE HOCKEY NEWS

Murray Pam
FOR METRO

Kyle Turris is becoming the elite player the Coyotes envisioned when they drafted him third overall in 2007. Unfortunately for Arizona fans, Turris is reaching his potential in another uniform. And Senators fans are thankful for that.

If not for a series of events, Turris might still be playing in the desert.

Hampered by a lingering back injury during his 2010-11 rookie season, Turris required emergency surgery for a herniated disc upon its conclusion. Entering training camp at less than full health, the six-foot-one, 190 pounder was dispatched to San Antonio – spending the entire year in the American League.

Averaging 11 minutes time-on-ice per game with the Coyotes the following season left the youngster feeling somewhat sour, necessitating an eventual trade to the Senators.

Four-plus years later, the Ottawa club is continuing to reap the benefits.

In six full campaigns since entering the NHL, Turris' point totals have increased every year. This season appears to be no different. Compiling 13 points in 12 games, the 26 year-old ranks among the league leaders in most offensive categories. His eight goals, including career



Ottawa Senators' Kyle Turris celebrates his game-winning goal against the Montreal Canadiens during overtime Tuesday.

PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

No. 100 Saturday, are a welcome surprise. The New Westminster, B.C., native finished with 24 last season, but didn't notch his eighth until Jan. 3, the Senators' 37th game.

Turris is also working hard to

267

Number of consecutive games Kyle Turris has played, an Ottawa Senators team record.

perfect a two-way game. His 139 faceoff wins ranks seventh league-wide. The centre has come a long way since his admitted struggle in replacing an injured Jason Spezza during the 2012-13 shortened season. "I feel like

I did an OK job...I had ups and downs, like a learning curve," Turris explained.

Recognizing his leadership abilities, coach Dave Cameron awarded Turris an assistant captaincy prior to the season. When asked to comment on the Senators recent power play woes, the consummate pro shouldered the blame, "I've got to find a way to bury the opportunities the

guys are giving me."

The team's ironman record at 267 consecutive games played is no longer a secret.

Currently in his third of a five-year deal averaging \$3.5 million per season, Turris is considered a bargain. Unfortunately for the Senators, his next negotiation may not be as simple. Fortunately for their fans, it's a couple of years away.

IN BRIEF

Canada beats Finland in Four Nations Cup opener

The Canadian women's hockey team opened the Four Nations Cup with a 2-0 win over Finland on Wednesday.

Meghan Agosta of Ruthven, Ont., scored short-handed and Toronto's Natalie Spooner had an even-strength goal in the second period.

Emergence Maschmeyer of Bruderheim, Alta., earned a 17-save shutout at Sundsvall Energi Arena.

Canada faces the United States on Thursday and Sweden on Saturday.

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Gold-medal snowboarder announces retirement

The first Canadian woman to win an Olympic gold medal on home soil is retiring.

Veteran snowboarder Maelle Ricker made the announcement Wednesday.

The 36-year-old from West Vancouver, B.C., won gold in snowboard cross at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, two days after Alex Bilodeau became the first Canadian to win gold at home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

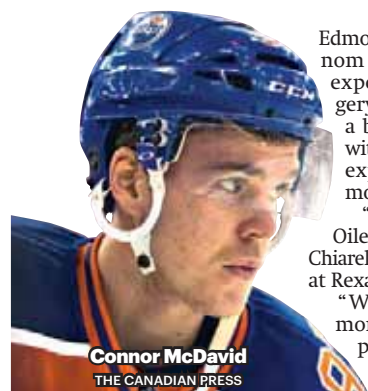


Maelle Ricker

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NHL

McDavid expected to miss months with broken collarbone



Connor McDavid

Edmonton Oilers rookie phenom Connor McDavid was expected to undergo surgery Wednesday to repair a broken left collarbone, with a recuperation period expected to stretch into months.

"He'll be out indefinitely," Oilers general manager Peter Chiarelli told a news conference at Rexall Place.

"We're talking about months. We don't have a particular time frame, but as I said, plural, months. There will be



We're going to try and be there for him and make sure that he gets through it well. Taylor Hall

plates and screws involved (in the surgery)."

McDavid was injured Tuesday night in the Oilers' 4-2 win over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Racing down the left wing toward the Flyers goal late in the second period, with Flyer defenders Brandon Manning and Michael Del Zotto beside him, McDavid appeared to lose the edge on his skate.

The trio fell and plowed hard into the end boards.

McDavid struggled to his feet and skated slowly to the bench.

"He didn't have much to say (after the game)," said Chiarelli.

"He was upset. He loves to play the game and he won't be playing it for a while."

He said McDavid has age and character on his side.

"The silver lining is that

he's young, he's a strong kid mentally and physically, he's still developing so he'll come back probably even stronger," Chiarelli said.

"In my experience with these significant injuries with younger players they come back stronger."

McDavid went down in the 13th game of his rookie season,



Peter Chiarelli

THE CANADIAN PRESS

but in that time he had already established himself as one of the key players and catalysts on the Oilers.

McDavid has five goals and 12 points in 12 games this season. He was named rookie of the month for October.

The Oilers are 5-8 and fighting to return to the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

"Injuries are a part of a hockey but to be out that long this early in his career, I'm sure he's pretty heartbroken," said winger Taylor Hall, the Oilers' leading goal scorer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Lemon's sacks earn him CFL top performer honour

Redblacks defensive lineman Shawn Lemon was among the CFL top performers of the week Wednesday with Edmonton Eskimos rookie Derel Walker and teammate Mike Reilly.

Lemon had a pair of sacks in the Redblacks' 12-6 victory over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He got to quarterback Jeff Mathews in the first and fourth quarter. Both sacks resulted in fumbles. Walker had 10 receptions for 128 yards to move past the 1,000-yard mark for the season. Reilly completed 29 of 35 passes for 308 yards.

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Dodgers' Greinke now free agent after opting out

Pitcher Zack Greinke opted out of the final three years of his contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday, giving up a guaranteed \$71 million to become a free agent again.

The Dodgers are expected to make a \$15.8-million qualifying offer Friday, which he will certainly reject. Los Angeles then would be eligible to receive an extra draft pick after the first round next year if Greinke signs with another team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mets reward manager Collins with new deal

Terry Collins has a new contract to keep managing the New York Mets. He can only hope for a second chance in the World Series.

Days after their rousing season ended with a stinging loss to Kansas, the Mets rewarded Collins on Wednesday for piloting them to the National League pennant. The Mets held a club option on Collins for 2016, but instead gave him a two-year deal through 2017.

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5-star Bayern routs Arsenal

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Gunners now last in Group F, troubled Blues earn late win

Thomas Mueller scored two goals as Bayern Munich hammered Arsenal 5-1 on Wednesday to close in on a place in the knockout stage of the Champions League.

Bayern lost to Arsenal 2-0 in London but the five-time champion dominated the return fixture from start to finish, giving Arsene Wenger's team no chance.

Robert Lewandowski opened the scoring in the 10th minute, Mueller doubled the lead in the 29th, Dabid Alaba made it 3-0 in the 44th. Arjen Robben scored with his first touch of the ball in the 55th, less than a minute after coming off the bench.

Mueller added his second in the 89th.

Olivier Giroud pulled one back for Arsenal in the 69th. The victory gave Bayern nine points



Jose Mourinho
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Group E

Barcelona 3, BATE Bor. O
Roma 3, Bayer Levkn 2

Group F

Bayern Mun 5, Arsenal 1
Olympiakos 2, D. Zagreb 1

Group G

M'bi Tel-Aviv 1, FC Porto 3
Chelsea 2, Dynamo Kiev 1

Group H

KAA Gent 1, Valencia 0
Lyon 0, Zenit St. P 2

atop Group F, while Arsenal has three. Olympiakos also has nine after edging 10-man Dinamo Zagreb 2-1, which also has three points.

Meanwhile, Willian produced a late winner as Chelsea fans put on a show of support for embattled manager Jose Mourinho on Wednesday, scoring from a 83rd-minute free kick to seal a 2-1 home victory over Dynamo Kyiv.

A four-game winless run in all competitions had ratcheted the pressure on Mourinho, whose future at Stamford Bridge has appeared to be jeopardized by off-field issues accompanying the poor results.

"From the



Arsenal's Petr Cech, left, attempts to dispossess Bayern's Dutch midfielder Arjen Robben. The Czech international had a tough night between the sticks GUENTER SCHIFFMANN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

mental point of view it was important," Mourinho said. "A reaction to a negative moment."

Mourinho benefited from a spot of good fortune in the 39th minute of this Group G encounter when Dynamo de-

fender Aleksandar Dragovic sent a diving header into his own goal while trying to clear Diego Costa's cross.

Dragovic atoned for his blunder by slamming the ball home in the 78th minute after goalkeeper Asmir Begovic

flapped at a corner. But five minutes later, Willian scored his fifth goal of the season direct from a free kick to ensure Chelsea rose to second in the group above Dynamo, three points behind Porto.

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CFL

Fired Chamblin says he deserved more time

Corey Chamblin harbours no resentment toward the Saskatchewan Roughriders for his dismissal as head coach but believes he deserved more time to reverse the struggling CFL club's fortunes.

Saskatchewan fired Chamblin and GM Brendan Taman on Aug. 31 after starting the season 0-9. The move came less than two years after the Riders earned just their fourth

Grey Cup title and first on home soil. "There was no good way for it to happen but the toughest part is the way it happened," Chamblin said via telephone from his off-season home near Phoenix.

"I should've at least finished the season and had a greater chance to turn it around with different personnel.

"I think you have to look at the situation and what transpired and ask, 'Did it infuse life?' I left and I don't think there

was that much more progress since."

Saskatchewan (2-15) is 2-6 under interim head coach Bob Dyce and concludes its season Sunday in Montreal.

"You go through (CFL), even here down south... it's hard to win when you're down to your third quarterback," Chamblin said. "When you get down to that, there's a lot of learning that must happen so there has to be a level of patience there.

"But for (coaches) there's pa-

tience and then there's impatience saying, 'Well, hell, I better win now because it may be my head so let's keep pushing ahead instead of going the patient route.'"

Chamblin was 29-34 over three-plus seasons in Saskatchewan and 3-2 in the playoffs. The Riders made the post-season three times, winning the '13 Grey Cup. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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For Metro Canada

- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground pepper

Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 400 F. Grease mini loaf pan or baking pan.
2. In a large skillet over moderate heat, add the butter, garlic and shallots and cook for 3 minutes.
3. Stir together apple chunks, bread crumbs and milk in a large bowl and set aside for 5 minutes. Add your turkey, egg, apple butter, sage, salt and pepper and garlic mixture to the milk and combine well. Spoon the meat mixture into your loaf tins.
4. Bake in the oven on the middle rack for about 50 minutes or until the internal temperature of a loaf reaches 160 F. In the last minute of cooking time, brush the tops with some apple butter. Remove the loaves from the oven and allow to rest for 5 minutes then serve.

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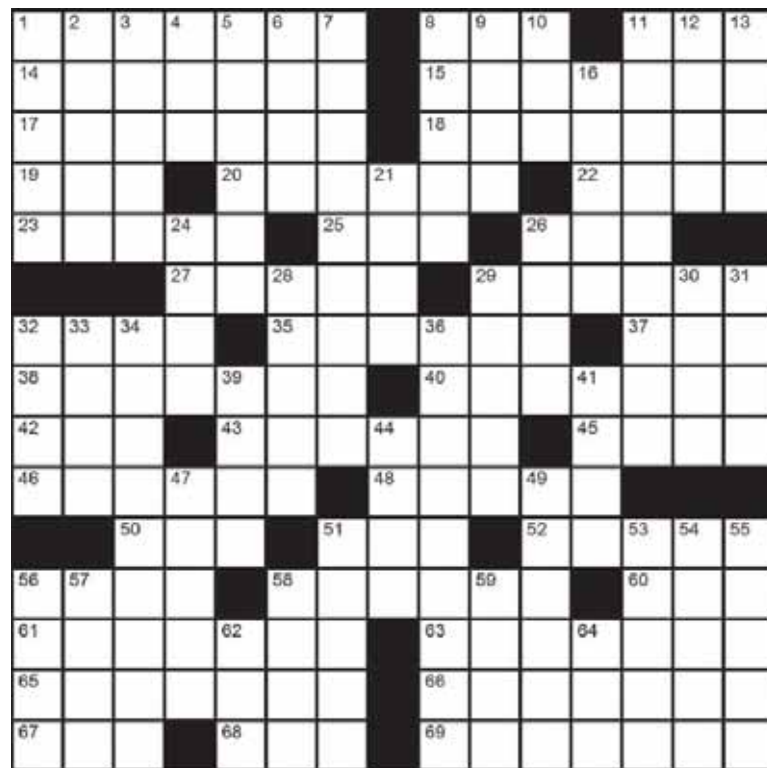
- 1 1/2 Tbsp butter
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 Gala apples, cored, peeled and sliced into small chunks
- 2/3 cup unseasoned bread crumbs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 lbs ground turkey meat
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup apple butter, plus an extra Tbsp for tops of loaves
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh sage

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

1. The new 007 movie
8. Research site
11. __ boost
14. Skull-related
15. Lasting
17. Canadian comedian Mr. Peters
18. Prop for The Penguin
19. Chemical suffix
20. Readies oneself in golf: 2 wds.
22. Attend: 2 wds.
23. Prefix to 'frost'
25. American ailer since '71
26. Bucharest money
27. Not __ in the world
29. Stinging nest pest
32. Russian ruler
35. Lizards like the GEICO commercials one
37. Deuce
38. Emmanuelle __, Montreal-born actress
40. Antlered creature of European woodlands: 2 wds.
42. Ad __ committee
43. Social news website
45. Sky bear
46. Flip the coin again
48. Ancient fabled man
50. Chg. card percentage
51. 1987 to 1994 'Star Trek' series, to fans
52. Paving stones
56. Gospel singer



- Ms. Winans
58. __ crackers
60. '80s band
61. Political pundit Ms. Huffington with a 'Post' website
63. Like a coming-soon out of stock item: 2 wds.
65. Daytime TV...

- "General Hospital": 2 wds.
66. '60s band, Wayne __ and The Mindbenders
67. Word before a bride's maiden name
68. Scale amts.
69. Gradually appears on the screen:

2 wds.

DOWN

1. __ paper
2. Trim
3. Reliever
4. Belonging to a Canuck train co.
5. Menswear accessory, variably: 2 wds.

6. Rattle
7. Vegan songstress in Crash Test Dummies born in Selkirk, Manitoba: 2 wds.
8. Madagas-car animal
9. On
10. Mr. Vereen
11. Come across
12. Mr. MacDermot (Canadian composer of Hair)
13. Margarine
16. "Understood."
21. On __ (Without a contract)
24. Husband: French
26. Mislapse
28. Chills
29. Owl's calls
30. Lamb mothers
31. 1970 war movie, when tripled!
32. Professor, puny-ly
33. Velcro closure locale
34. North Pole stuff: 2 wds.
36. Painter of Canadian nature scenes, Cornelius __ (b.1815 - d.1872)
39. Alphabetic sequence
41. Trick
44. Mr. Carvey
47. "This world was never meant for __ beautiful as you." - Don McLean, "Vincent"
49. Donny & Marie __
51. Pitfalls
53. "Look, all done!" [pl.]
54. "___" (Response to "What did you do next?")
55. Sandwich wrap brand
56. James or Scott
57. TV actress Kathryn
58. Annoying fly
59. Buffalo type
62. At present
64. Pathway [abbr.]

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
If someone makes you a really good offer today, find out if there are any strings attached. If they are giving you something they will most likely require something in return.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You may have to pay over the odds for something today but don't make a big deal of it. It's only money. Don't ruin what promises to be an otherwise enjoyable day.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
There is no point trying to keep a secret from those who know you best because they can read you like a book. No matter how embarrassing, own up to what you have done. Chances are they won't even care.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Sometimes the best way to break bad news is to come right out with it. Try to let others down gently and it could prolong the agony — they might even turn against you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You won't be thinking straight, so avoid any spur of the moment decisions that will get you into trouble. Money matters, especially, must be approached with care.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The more others pressure you to follow their example the more you must resist. You know what is best for you and anyone who doesn't respect your right to make your own decision must be told to take a hike.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Avoid situations where you don't feel in control. And avoid people whose main aim seems to be controlling you. You are a free spirit and you are entitled to come and go as you please.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something is worrying you and you won't get over it by trying to put it out of your mind. The only way to deal with your fear is to face it and not be afraid of what you might find.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Listen to your inner voice. If you let people persuade you that their aims should be your aims you will find yourself heading in a direction that takes you away from your goals.

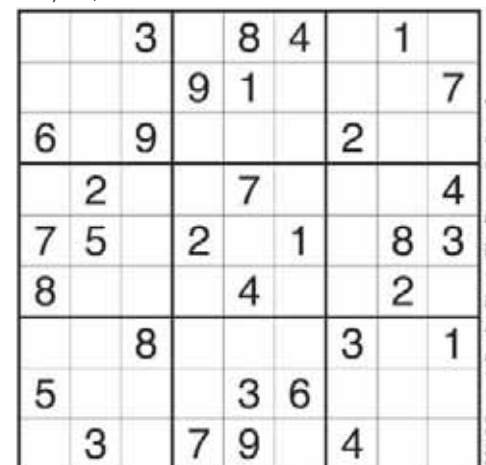
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Tread carefully when talking to loved ones. If they get the impression that you are telling them what to do they will react in a forceful way. Only give advice if it is asked for.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be on your guard today. There may be no logical reason why you should be suspicious but on a deeper level you seem to know that all is not as it seems. Above all, don't commit yourself.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone will let you in on what they say is a secret but can you be sure they are not trying to mislead you? The planets warn that what they tell you will only be part of the story.

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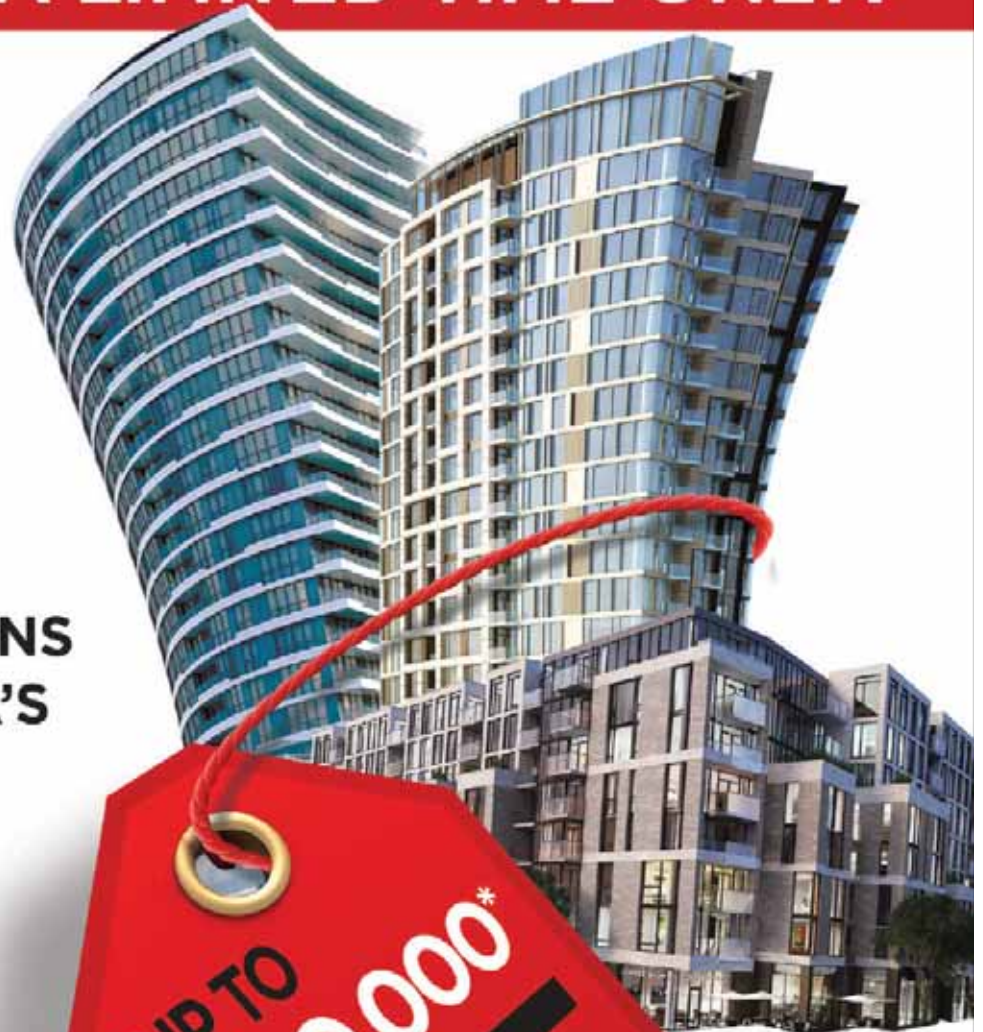
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